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FHA ACHIEVEMENT DAY AT TEXAS STATE FAIR WILL BE OCTOBER 17

## Farmers Honored

### HOSPITALIZATION PROGRAM IS PROGRESSING NICELY

The hospitalization program sponsored by the Welfare Committee of the USDA Club with Miss Anna L. Tydings as chairman is progressing nicely.

The Welfare Committee and the USDA Club have made it possible for an employee to save \$1.55 per month on hospitalization.

Civilians outside the USDA Club are charged \$3.50 per month for the same policy. Savings on policies for an employee and spouse, children, etc., are in proportion.

This price is available to members of the USDA Club at all times.

Jack Gallion, representative of the Guardian International Life Insurance Company, through which the Club is dealing, has contacted most of the employees of the Department of Agriculture in Dallas.

Mr. Gallion states:

"I wish to thank the entire personnel of the USDA Club for their cooperation and especially I appreciate the wonderful assistance from section heads and their assistants.

Mr. L. J. Cappleman, State Director FHA, has announced that the third annual Achievement Day for Farmers Home borrowers who have paid up their tenant purchase loans will be held at the State Fair of Texas on Tuesday, October 17, 1950.

Ceremonies will start at 1:30 in the afternoon.

A program honoring the farmers who have attained debt-free status from the proceeds of agricultural income will be held in the Fair Park Auditorium.

Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to more than 300 Texas farmers.

Of the six thousand tenant purchase loans made in Texas under the Bankhead-Jones Act one-third have been paid off and are now owned free of debt by former tenant families.

A part of the program will include radio interviews of successful farmers and awarding of prizes for outstanding accomplishments with their crops.

### COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE BEGINS FALL CAMPAIGN

The Community Chest which comprises 35 health and welfare agencies in one fund raising campaign, is now ready for fall contributions.

Mr. John W. Bolish, Area Personnel Officer, has been designated to coordinate the Community Chest Drive among the PMA offices in Dallas.

This year's slogan is GIVE A DAY'S PAY-- IT'S THE AMERICAN WAY! One day's pay is 3/10 of 1% of annual income.

Who of us would hardly miss this amount which goes to help those less fortunate? Community Chest agencies deal with people who need help.

Gifts may be spread over two or three pay-days. Also remember that your gift is split 35 ways.

Cost of the Community Chest's year round operations is 7.5%. This means that 92 cents of every dollar goes to the agency. Campaign expenses are in the 7.5%.

Except for the potato program, losses of which are now being sharply curtailed, a true balance sheet of the farm price support program shows negligible losses, according to Harold D. Cooley, member of Congress from North Carolina and chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture.

All our price supports over 17 years of the program aside from the potato, average about \$8,000,000 per year.

For this investment, we've not only stabilized agriculture but made other gains as well. Mr. Cooley points out:

"We have given away five billion dollars' worth of commodities to feed areas occupied by our armed forces and to cover ECA commitments. We have sold other commodities abroad at a loss of 262 millions, sometimes to compete with other sellers, sometimes because countries we wanted to aid could not pay full price.

More than 890 millions in food and other commodities has been distributed to our own people on relief, to welfare institutions and to schools for use in children's lunches. Another 103 millions' worth has been diverted to other than standard uses and to numerous programs of experimentation in search of new utilizations."

These balance sheet entries were made possible, Mr. Cooley points out, because we made a 248 million dol-

lar profit on cotton and a five million dollar profit on tobacco.

#### DEFENSE STANDBY SETUP FORMED FOR AGRICULTURE

Standby machinery to mobilize the nation's food and farm production resources for defense have been set up by Secretary of Agriculture, Charles F. Brannan.

Ralph S. Trigg, head of the Production and Marketing Administration will have prime responsibility for handling the job. He will see that the nation is assured an adequate supply of food and that farmers get the necessary tools to raise the supply.

Under the new homefront mobilization law signed by President Truman in August the Agriculture Department is permitted to establish priorities and allocations on food and fibers, if necessary, to insure efficient distribution.

#### Very Knowing

A thrifty man went to a lawyer for advice. Later he ran into a friend and told him about it.

"But why spend money on a lawyer?" asked the other. "When you sat in

#### NEW PRODUCT FROM SOYBEANS IS DISCOVERED

"Gelsey", a new protein product made from soybean meal, has been developed by the Northern Regional Research Laboratory, Bureau of Agricultural and Industrial Chemistry.

Tests indicate that Gelsey may find wide use in special food products such as meringues, ice creams, and gels.

The tests also indicate that it is suitable for such nonfood uses as an adhesive for sealing cork or paper to metal, for heat-sealing of paper and other packaging units, and for preparing gummed paper, and may be used as a foaming agent in fire extinguishing preparations.

Trial runs by an industrial company have demonstrated that this material is satisfactory for sealing the cork liners in bottle caps.

Under a cooperative agreement with a soybean processing firm, a smallscale plant for the production of Gelsey has been constructed.

his office, did you see all the law books there? Well, what he told you, you could read in those law books."

"You're right, but that lawyer knows what page it's on," he replied



### 13 Counties in Distress Area

Due to insects, weather and other factors, Texas 1950 cotton crop has been estimated as the smallest crop in 20 years.

Karl Hunt, Executive Secretary of the Dallas Cotton Exchange, said damage from weevils, aggravated by leafworms and army worms, has cut chances for a late cotton crop.

Heavy rains have slowed field work and stopped all applications of insecticides at intervals.

13 counties have been declared "disaster areas." They are Hunt, Bowie, Red River, Lamar, Delta, Fannin, Grayson, Collin, Rockwall, Kaufman, Rains, Van Zandt and Denton.

Declaration of disaster in the area will allow the FHA to make loans to farmers for their 1951 crops, which covers seed, labor, machinery, repairs, feed and foodstock.

The 13-county area produced approximately 413,000 bales of cotton in 1949. The 1950 crop has been estimated at 100,000.

L. J. Cappleman of Dallas, State Director of the Farmers Home Administration, met in Greenville on September 27 with 99 bankers and county supervisors in the disaster counties for the purpose of explaining the program to aid farmers whose crops failed.

### Simple Financing

Nora: "Marriage is just wonderful. John and I share all responsibilities."

Jody: "But don't you find that difficult?"

Nora: "No, I charge the bills and John pays them. It's simple!"

### WELFARE COMMITTEE HAS MORE DISCOUNTS

New discounts have been secured for USDA Club members through its active Welfare Committee of which Miss Anna L. Tydings is chairman.

Arrangements have been made with Hixson and Company, 712 Elm Street, for a 10% discount to USDA Club members on pianos, organs, upholstering, and furniture.

Anyone going to Hixson and Company should ask for Mr. Wellbaum, manager.

An employee's membership card is a requisite for the discount.

### USDA CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARDS GO TO TEMPORARY EMPs. ALSO

At the Board of Directors meeting for the USDA Club held in September, it was decided that USDA Club Membership cards should be given to all employees of the Department of Agriculture in Dallas regardless of their appointment, whether temporary limited, indefinite or permanent.

Cards may be obtained by employees from their personnel officers. They will be issued for one year's duration and will entitle all employees to certain rights and privileges such as merchandise discounts sponsored by the Club, free ambulance service, hospitalization benefits, etc.

Employees not having membership cards should contact their personnel officers. The name of the Dudley M. Hughes Funeral Home, 400 East Jefferson, telephone: Madison: 5136 will be typed on the back of each card for convenience in case of an emergency.

### Purpose of the Club

The purpose of the USDA Club as described in the USDA Club Directory includes the following objectives:

- (1) To promote employee welfare
- (2) To develop personal acquaintance
- (3) To stimulate training and education of employees
- (4) To increase knowledge of the work of the Department
- (5) To provide a channel through which the many activities may be correlated in behalf of the best possible service to the public and through which the services of the Department may be interpreted to the public.

The Club holds regular meetings

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which are attended by members of the Board of Directors and Committee members. Periodic meetings are likewise held for the general membership.

These meetings have included educational moving pictures on agriculture and discussions by prominent speakers on agricultural problems.

It is the intention of the Club also to have a social function once each quarter.

#### BUICK COMPANY OFFERS DISCOUNT TO CLUB MEMBERS

The Welfare Committee of which Miss Anna L. Tydings is chairman is happy to announce that new Buick cars may be purchased by Club members at a noticeable discount.

Those interested in the purchase of new Buicks at a discount should get in touch with Miss Tydings, Room 405, Terminal Annex Bldg., PHONE: Sta. 564.

#### Out of Gas

Host: "Would you like to see our helium plant? It's very impressive and quite tremendous."

Guest: "Oh, indeed, I'd love to see it. I just adore flowers."

#### DID YOU KNOW?

...that possible new outlets for feed molasses and better marketing methods are the subject of a new USDA report?

When used as part of a feed ration, molasses is more economical than corn whenever a bushel of corn sells for more than 6½ gallons of molasses.

...that a rather newcomer to the soil conservation program, particularly in Texas, is guar?

The Karnes County Soil Conservation District, with headquarters at Kenedy, Texas has taken the lead in using guar as a soil-improving crop.

Guar made excellent growth and most of the plantings were stubble-mulched in the fall to condition the soil and were followed by flax?

Guar does well in Texas on both irrigated and dry land and it is expected to spread rapidly as seed supplies are multiplied.

...that sweet whey, a dairy by-product rich in food value but which is often wasted or otherwise utilized inefficiently, can be used successfully in the commercial manufacture of bakery goods.

The principal advantage of using whey in these typical sweet good is that it makes tenderer cakes, cookies, and doughnuts that keep their softness and good eating qualities longer than similar products made without whey.

#### PROTEIN-RICH BREAKFAST BENEFICIAL TO WORKERS

Comparing 8 kinds of American breakfasts USDA scientists have obtained evidence that a breakfast featuring protein-rich food, such as milk and eggs, can stave off fatigue hours longer than a morning meal with less protein.

Breakfasts studied over a 2-year period consisted of 8 different food combinations--from a single cup of black coffee to a hearty breakfast that included eggs and bacon.

#### WANT ADS

ROOM FOR RENT:-To Young Man.-- 1 door Lakewood and Abrams Bus -- Nicely furnished. Good surroundings -- PHONE TA-2827.

RIDERS WANTED:-From one to three riders wanted from Garland to either Santa Fe Bldg. or Terminal Annex Bldg. -- each day Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 4:30 -- Chiesce Ida Florence, STA.2027 or Opal McDonald, STA.849.

#### WOULD LIKE TO GATHER PECANS

A group which enjoys outdoor life would like to gather pecans in the country on a week-end.

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